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Ms. WATSON. Mr. Speaker, the public may now know Johnnie L. Cochran, Jr., as a high-profile, superbly dressed, superstar attorney with a signature smile that swayed everyone he met, including many of the multi-million dollar clients that he represented.

However, as a personal friend of Johnnie's, I saw another side. Yes, he did everything with class, style, dignity and extreme care; but in addition he was a warm, loving, caring, attentive friend and community leader.

Johnnie Cochran was a brilliant attorney whose untimely death is a loss to the world. His legal genius was compared to Justice Thurgood Marshall, his hero and his idol; Clarence Darrow; F. Lee Bailey; Professor Charles Ogletree and other legendary legal scholars.

Johnnie Cochran was an incredible human being who really cared about the plight of the poor and disadvantaged regardless of race, color, creed, or religion. Johnnie was often fond of saying, "The clients I cared about the most are the No Js, the ones who nobody knows."

Attorney Cochran truly believed in justice for all. Even after death, Johnnie's legal legacy was larger than life. His funeral last week in Los Angeles, entitled "Johnnie's Journey To Justice," was a celebration of his incredible life.

The A-list of celebrity clients were among more than 5,000 admirers saying good-bye to their hero who fought for civil rights, police reform, and basic human rights for everyone.

The Reverend William Epps, Johnnie's home pastor of the historic Second Baptist Church of Los Angeles, the first church that Martin Luther King spoke in when he came to Los Angeles, and Reverend Calvin Butts of Abyssinia Baptist Church, Harlem, New York, presided over this joyful funeral service, which was held in the great West Angeles Cathedral in my district.

I would say that Johnnie led a very important life for a lot of people, and we will remember him always for bringing justice to not only the poor but middle class and wealthy. May God bless his soul.

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#### ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION

(Mr. PRICE of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PRICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, at the base of the Statue of Liberty is a poem that reads: "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free." Understood in this fundamental principle is that our Nation would welcome anyone in an orderly and a legal process.

Yet, on a daily basis thousands of illegal aliens cross our border, encouraged by the Mexican Government,

which provides a copy of the Mexican Migrant Guide, full of tips on how to blend into our society and receive benefits once they get here.

The illegal alien population is, admittedly, 11 million in the United States, with the actual number probably closer to 20 million. The problems are no longer confined to border States with nearly 250,000 illegal aliens now calling Georgia home, placing my home State in the top 10 with illegal populations.

Nearly every public service, from our schools to our hospitals, are suffering financially caring for illegal aliens.

Mr. Speaker, Americans recognize the economic and national security concerns posed by this increasing problem. It is time we take action and secure our Nation's borders, responsibly solve this national emergency and hold neighbor nations accountable for their actions.

#### DRILLING IN ANWR

(Mr. BURGESS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, we are going to vote this week on an energy bill in the House. Energy independence should be a goal for this Congress. Worldwide demand for petroleum has increased during the last decade. The growth in production has been relatively flat.

The inevitable result is higher prices at the gasoline pump. The reality is that it takes time to go from the oil patch to the gas station, and we have lost considerable time in that regard.

In 1995, in the 104th Congress, H.R. 2491 would have allowed oil exploration in the Alaska National Wildlife Refuge. The Department of Energy has estimated that between 1- and 1.3 million barrels of oil a day could be derived from this source.

Unfortunately, this legislation was vetoed by then-President Clinton. That was 10 years ago, and given a timeline of 7 to 14 years for building the pipeline structure, it is time that we could scarcely afford.

Mr. Speaker, I have been to ANWR. The vast coastal plain is unsuitable for habitation during the summer months because of its marshy consistency. Any caribou unlikely enough to calve in this region would likely die from exsanguination at the hands of the mosquitoes there.

The people in ANWR, the people of Kaktovik, Alaska, are counting on this Congress to do the right thing and allow them, the rightful owners, to begin developing the resources as was granted them upon statehood in 1959.

As we say in Texas, "time's a'wasting."

#### SPENCER, IOWA: THE NUMBER ONE PLACE TO LIVE IN AMERICA

(Mr. KING of Iowa asked and was given permission to address the House

for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KING of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, this is a mission of joy for me. On the floor of this Congress, I am pleased to recognize the city of Spencer, Iowa, as the number one place to live in America.

This is not surprising to the folks in western Iowa. America is now aware of what we have known for a long time. Spencer is not just a great town to raise a family; it is an excellent place to live. Tucked away in fields as far as the eye can see, Spencer is a town full of services, recreation, culture, entertainment and wonderful people.

I just celebrated with the people of Spencer the opening of my office on Grand Avenue.

Large enough to offer many of the services of a larger city and still small enough that people know and trust their neighbors, it is the kind of trusting place where people leave their doors open and the keys in their cars when parked outside the coffee shop.

In this town, if you were to walk into the Sisters Cafe or Carroll's Bakery on any given morning, you would see the citizens of Spencer making time for each other. It is the kind of place where you know your neighbors and strangers are just friends you have not met yet.

Congratulations, Spencer, Iowa. You are number one.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. ISSA). Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote is objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

Record votes on postponed questions will be taken after 6:30 p.m. today.

#### SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING ISSUANCE OF 500,000TH DESIGN PATENT BY UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 53) expressing the sense of the Congress regarding the issuance of the 500,000th design patent by the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. CON. RES. 53

Whereas the United States is the world leader in innovation and ingenuity;

Whereas the United States Patent and Trademark Office has protected and encouraged that innovation through the issuance of patents; and

Whereas on December 21, 2004, the United States Patent and Trademark Office awarded the 500,000th design patent to DaimlerChrysler Corporation for the design of the Chrysler Crossfire: Now, therefore, be it